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The Hawaiian people have a right to self-determination, and this right should be asserted by Hawaiians themselves. A planning process needs to be initiated to maximize input from the Hawaiian community and to provide the opportunity for participation by all Hawaiians concerned. On the other hand, the United States has a special political and legal responsibility to promote the welfare of the native peoples in America, including native Hawaiians.

The apology bill expresses the commitment of congress and the president regarding the ramifications of the overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom, and their support of reconciliation efforts, including a process to accomplish these efforts. To this very end, I am committed to the rights of Hawaiians as to self-determination, self-government and economic self-sufficiency, including health care, educational programs, economic assistance and cultural practices.